



Week 5

Thursday 10 November

- 9:15am Way of Mercy Mass
- Parramatta Marist Transition Day 9am-1pm

Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Day - Liturgy 9am Assembly area
- Just Like You—Cerebral Palsy Workshop Years 1-6

Monday 14 November

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 15 November

- Uniform Shop 8:30-9:30am

Wednesday 16 November

- 9:15am Stage 3 Parish Mass
- 7pm ES1 (2017) Parent Information Session

Friday 18 November

- Catherine McAuley Transition Day—8:30am-2pm
- 7pm First Reconciliation—St Monica's Church

Monday 21 November

- Pow Wow 9am-10:30am

Tuesday 22 November

- 8:30am—9:30am Uniform Shop (last day)

Thursday 24 November

- OLMC Transition Day—9am-2pm
- Stage 3 Excursion

Friday 25 November

- Oakhill Transition Day—8:45am-12:30pm
- Stage 2 Canberra Excursion

School timetable

8:20am	Morning supervision
8:50am	Morning bell
10:40am—11:10am	Recess
12:50pm-1:30pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Dismissal
3pm—3:30pm	Afternoon supervision

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Our Catholic tradition gives us so many reasons and so many ways to celebrate and reflect upon the Easter mystery of life, death and resurrection which is so central to our faith and beliefs and celebrates love, compassion, service and commitment. How truly blessed we are to have a strong faith to call upon when we face life's challenges such as sorrow, loss, disharmony and war.



In 1918 the armistice that ended World War 1 came into force, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that resulted in 61,919 Australians dying at sea, in the air and on foreign soil. There were few Australian families that were left untouched by the events of World War 1- "the war to end all wars..." Most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month services are held at war memorials in suburbs and towns across the country. As a school community we will pause to remember this **Friday 11 November at 9:00am in the assembly area.**

Lest we forget.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the POSMs meeting last Wednesday night. Senior Constable Dusan Dakic was very informative and provided those in attendance with some helpful ways to assist in managing technology to keep their children safe.

Parents may find the Common Sense Media website (a San Francisco based non-profit organisation) a helpful resource as it provides education and advocacy to families to promote safe technology and media for children. <https://www.common sense media.org> Thank you also to Mrs Mason, Miss Rosewell and Miss Bagnall for their input at the meeting.

Painting Project The painting of all the outdoor blue fascia on our school buildings will commence this week. It is estimated that this scope of work will take two and a half weeks (Monday – Saturday). I thank the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for financially supporting the project.

Early next year, as part of the school's ongoing maintenance, all the railings on the playground and in the learning space will be painted and we will extend all the tiles in the Stage 3 wet area and in the bathroom areas. We will then look to gradually painting all the pillars in the learning space.

Scrub Day At the last Social Welcome Team meeting it was suggested that we don't hold a working bee this year on a Saturday morning but instead incorporate it into **Scrub Day on Thursday 15 December from 9:00am – 12 noon.**

On Scrub Day the children wear mufti clothes and clean out their tubs, tidy shelves, wash tables and chairs etc. A number of parents have always assisted us on this day as pre-schoolers are able to be with their parents when they move around the school. Please mark this date in your diary if you can assist us for a couple of hours. The parish will also have their working bee on this day too.

Yours sincerely,

Louise O'Donnell, Principal



Notice of Intention to Remove a Student from St Monica's School

The Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states "A term's notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term." This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

Prayers

Prayers are requested for members of our school community who are unwell at the moment. There are a few families that especially need our prayers at this time.



Sympathy

St Monica's community extends its deepest sympathy to the **Gaddi family** (Myles, Stage 3) on the recent passing of Myles' grandfather (Mrs Gaddi's father). Please keep the Gaddi family in your prayers at this sad time.

Outstanding School Fees

Unless you have an arrangement with the school, all school fees should now have been paid. If you still have outstanding school fees, please call the school office *immediately* to discuss this with the Principal.



Please note that all outstanding school fees must be finalised by Friday 2 December 2016.

December: Social Justice Month

'Be the change you wish to see in the world' Gandhi

Social Justice exists when all people share a common goal of humanity and therefore have the right to equal treatment and support of basic human rights by promoting a just society.

During the month of December, as a school we will be raising awareness for Social Justice Issues. This will include prayer, writing responses, actions and activities where we can raise money and collect donations for people in our world who are treated unjustly.

A group of boys in Year 6 have come together to form a Social Justice Team, and are working on projects to implement throughout the month of December.

The first project is called Mission Tree. The team have created Christmas tags, each with a different gender and age on them. Each family will have the opportunity to select a tag from the Mission Tree and prepare a Christmas gift for this child. You will wrap and return your gift and place it, with the Christmas tag, under the Mission Tree. These gifts will be donated to the refugees at Arrupe Place.

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'
Helen Keller

Thank you to everyone in our St Monica's community for your ongoing support and generosity.

Kind regards,

Miss Michelle Rosewell
Religious Education Coordinator



Thank you to all the families who have sent in gifts for the Mission Tree.

From Jack and Lachlan (Stage 3)

Happy birthday to the following students and staff who celebrate birthdays in November



Emma Sadek	Massimo Milutinovic	Alexander Azar	Amarachi Ezema
Gabriel Bucur	Gene Kneipp	Olivia Rouchotas	Elan Rouchotas
Yiannis Keranis	Zoe Bird	Summer Ierfino	Neelesh Govender
Chloe Pearson	Dominic Scurtu	Jericho Crame	Laeticia Hossack
Olivia Nguyen	Victoria Kassis	Rhiannon Cooper	Evan Michael
Ryan Clark	Manson Lu	Isabella Flora Smith	Staff: Miss Bagnall

MERIT AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards.

ES1: Mathew Dretvic and Tia Nour

Year One: Liam Sciacca, Gabriela Andrade, Michael Maffina, Lola Sloane, Pranaya Prasath, Matthew Johnson, Siria Mondinelli, Sophie Phan, Sara Younes

Year Two: Menuk Gunawardena, Jessica Chandra, Tina Kiaiefar

Stage 2: Jake Chapman, Maria Nour, Sophia Elias, Jonah Assaf, Jesse Maffina, Tia El-Kazzi,

Stage 3: Jack Talty, Lachlan Roberts, Andy Haddad, Patrick Crowle, Joshua Albayeh, Natasha Muttoo, Brooke Emphield, Jackson Basha, Riwarz Bhattachan, Zoe Bird, Calvin La

Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

How to enter: It's simple! Students just need to read something they enjoy and tell us in 50 words or less why they loved it. Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, piece of poetry, book, e-book or graphic novel.

This year we have made the challenge easier to enter by removing the minimum number of books to read and provided students with more chances of winning a prize.

The more material a student reads, the more times they can enter the reading challenge and the more chances they have of winning one of four iPad minis.

Entries open on 7 November 2016 and close at 5pm on 7 February 2017. Terms and Conditions can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on **November 14, 2016** the last tour of the year.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

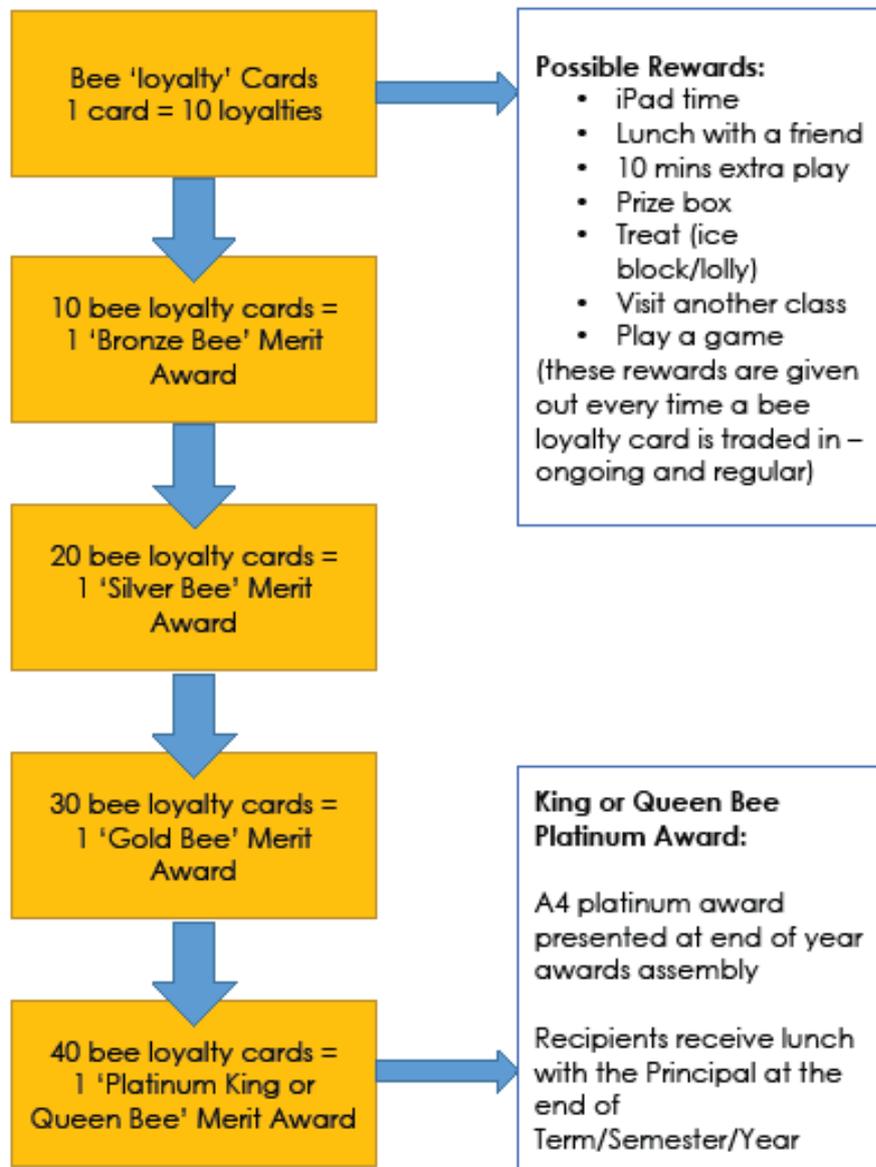
The College is now enrolling for 2018.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

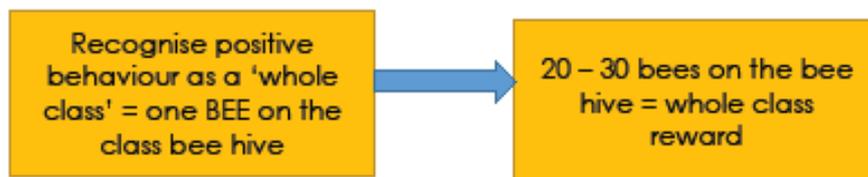


ST MONICA'S REWARDS FLOWCHARTS

Individual Reward - regular reinforcement of individual positive behaviour



Whole Class - in class positive rewards



Preserves Sale

Claire Pospischil is holding a preserves sale.
 Claire's preserves are always popular and have won awards in the past.



With a focus on **Quality** over **Quantity** –**stock of these preserves is limited**. (First in/first served).

Please include your contact details so that Claire can notify you when your order will be ready.

Please return your form and money to school by Friday 11 November 2016 if you are interested in indulging in these yummy marmalades.



Preserves Sale

(Please return to the school office by Friday 11 November 2016)

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Student Name: _____

Homerom: _____

Pick up Preference:

After School Pick up

COSHC Pick up

Preserve	Price	Quantity	Total
Grapefruit Marmalade	\$8		
Lime Marmalade	\$8		
Orange Marmalade	\$8		
Orange and Carrot Marmalade	\$6		
Total			

Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulation to the following students who participated in the Mathematics competition last term.

Special acknowledgement to **Ashley Roberts** who achieved the school's highest standardised score and a 'Best in School' award.

Year 3

Distinction: Ashley Roberts
Credit: Aidan Pospischil, Neave Sciacca, Galia Evangelista
Proficiency: Matilda Cooper, Aidan Muttoo, Laura Emphield



Year 4

Distinction: Jessica Crowle
Credit: Emma Halamkova, Kael Sciacca, Kayla Grzelak
Proficiency: Ryan Clark, Trinity Bird, Vinayak Sharma, Jordan Basha, Ana Maria Costea
Participation: Jessica Stoker, Manraj Kahlon

Year 5

Credit: Riwaz Bhattachan, Alexis Chang, Jessica Chapman, Garbhan Sciacca, Rhiannon Cooper, Charlotte Newey
Proficiency: Mateo Soriano, Maurice Haddad, Ann-Marie Boujandy, Isabella Smith, Pinar Helena Unver

Year 6

Distinction: Brendan Pospischil
Credit: Lachlan Roberts, Natasha Muttoo, Jackson Basha, Brandon Lukic
Proficiency: Patrick Crowle, Philip Joseph, Jack Talty, Nishika Jain, Eddie Tran
Participation: Andy Haddad



Dear North Parramatta community organisations, residents and those with a potential interest in the Parramatta North Urban Transformation Program,

Urban Growth NSW are proposing to “conserve, unlock and share the heritage of Parramatta North” through the Parramatta North Urban Transformation Program and “deliver a dynamic and vibrant area with heritage conservation at its heart. New homes and jobs will be created, and more open space will be available to the public.”

“Urban Growth NSW will manage the program of controlled and creative development across about 30 hectares. It will reinvest funds to conserve significant buildings.”

‘Sprout’ is an Urban Growth workshop on the future of the Parramatta North precinct and “an event designed to grow ideas for the precinct. It will involve inspirational presentations, panel discussions, working sessions, site tours and displays. Community leaders, business owners, innovators, designers, artists, heritage experts, university students and academics will all be involved in the event”.

The City of Parramatta wishes to ensure you are aware of the proposal, informed about such workshops and have the opportunity to get involved in the future of the Parramatta North heritage precinct and request time to present your own ideas for the precinct if you wish.

To find out more and register your attendance at the upcoming ‘Sprout’ workshops on 10 and 11 November, please go to <http://www.urbangrowth.nsw.gov.au/projects/parramatta-north/> and follow the ‘REGISTER’ link in the ‘ABOUT SPROUT’ section.

Child Protection Requirements

All Parent Volunteers / Helpers are required to complete the following Child Protection requirements **prior** to assisting in the classroom or on excursions ('Building Child Safe Communities—Undertaking for Volunteers')

- **Volunteer Form**
- **Online Training Module (every two years)**

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to '**Volunteers and Contractors – click here**'

(Links are also available on the homepage of our school website www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au)

Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

Uniform Shop

Mrs June Madigan has indicated that she will retire at the end of this year. I have spoken to Oz Fashion, our uniform supplier, and we have decided that from Thursday 1 December 2016 **the school uniform will cease to be sold at the school**. Parents will be required to purchase the uniform directly from our supplier's warehouse. The warehouse is open 6 days a week, including school holidays, and stock is always on the shelf. Oz Fashion also sell school shoes and joggers.

The **last day of operation for the Uniform Shop** will be **Tuesday 22 November (Week 7)** so that Mrs Madigan can complete the stocktake.

**Oz Fashion is located at:
115-127 Parramatta Road Granville.**

Opening Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00am – 5:30pm
Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Parking is available on site.



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Keyboard Classes!

Days: **Tuesday** lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

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Guitar Classes!

Day: **Wednesday** lunchtime
Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm
Location: The Community Room

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Term 4 Sport Days

ES1 **Friday**
Year 1 **Wednesday**
Year 2 **Wednesday**
Stage 2 **Thursday**
Stage 3 **Wednesday**

Staff Development Days Term 4, 2016

Monday 19 December
(Week 11)
Tuesday 20 December
(Week 11)

COSHC

Parents are advised that St Monica's COSHC will **close** for the end of the school year on **Friday 16 December**.

Vacation Care for 2017
will operate from
9 –25 January 2017